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REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 17, 2006 stated that "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.**"

Applicants respectfully assert that this statement is incorrect, such that the Office Action cannot be made final. Although claims 16 and 17 were rewritten in independent form in the prior response dated August 8, 2005, none of the claims have been substantively amended. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 8 were not amended in any way. Accordingly, the new grounds of rejection could not possibly have been necessitated by Applicants' amendment, and Applicants therefore request that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn.

In the event there are any remaining informalities, the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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